the paying capacity of the new allottees mainly comprising the landless agricultural workers who belong to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(ii) The compensation may be fixed in grades/slabs and preferably in multiples of land revenue payable for the land.

(iii) The scheme for compensation should be worked out in such a manner that there will be no financial burden on the Central and State Governments.

VI. DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS LAND

While distributing surplus land, priority should be given to the landless agricultural workers, particularly those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

VII. TARGET FOR ENACTMENT OF NEW LAWS

The amended ceiling laws should be enacted by 31st December, 1972.

VIII. INCLUSION IN THE NINTH SCHEDULE TO THE CONSTITUTION

All the amended laws should be included in the Ninth Schedule to the Constitution.

IX. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation will be the responsibility of the State Governments. They would set up non-official bodies at appropriate levels and place competent official organisation in order to administer the ceiling legislation. The concurrence of the Central Government will be obtained in respect of any incidental departure from the guidelines necessitated by the special conditions prevailing in any State or Union Territory.

**Directorate of cotton development**

7408. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director (Technical) is to act as Member Secretary of the Indian Cotton Development Council, which is an advisor, body, functioning in the Directorate of Cotton Development;

(b) if so, whether this requirement was complied with during the past few meetings; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) As per the constitution of the Indian Cotton Development Council, the Director of Directorate of Cotton Development, Bombay, is its Member-Secretary. There is no post of Director (Technical) in the Directorate. The post of Director being vacant, the Director-in-charge has been acting as the Member Secretary of the Council.

**Newspaper Report on US Investment in Agri-Business**

7409. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US agri-business investors are keen to invest in bulk handling and storage with modern loading and unloading facilities at the ports in India provided Government interference in this sector was reduced, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times', dated 31st March, 1995, under the caption "US for investment in agri-business";

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No proposal has been received by the concerned Ministry of Surface Transport from US agri-business investors for investment in creation of modern bulk handling and storage facilities at the major Ports in India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.